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District 11 Newsletter March 2011

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Group Reports & Birthdays

Blaine International-Birthdays last Friday 8 pm

Birthdays for March: 41 years Ed F., 38 years Homer L., 24 years Arne C., Renee, 17 years Polly M., Tod H. 5 years John F., 3 years Gene H., Tim H.

Bellingham Group-Birthdays are celebrated on the last Thursday @ 7:00 PM.

Birthdays for March: 36 years Bill V., 31 years Jim E., 23 years Victor S., 11 years Jim B., 9 years Joe P., 7 years Dave Q., 4 years Kevin P., 3 years Scott J.

Custer's Last Stand-The Custer Men's Meeting has moved to a different building at the same location. Please enter at the north east corner of Kickerville Road. Grab a friend and come on out.

Birthdays for March: 41 years Lloyd K., 8 years Dave C., 3 years Liz B and Tim H., 1 year Leslee C

Deming Group-Our business meeting is on the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm. We have our meeting from 7:18 to 8:30 pm. Afterward, you can join us at the Nooksack River Casino's \$5.40 buffet for after meeting fellowship.

Dry Dock-Our business meeting is the third Monday of the month. Birthday meeting last Sunday at 3:30.

Birthdays for March: Dry Dock has been in its "temporary" location at Southside for four months now and it has been great! Thank you Southside!
Latest news on our real Dry Dock is that it looks like it will not be as long as we were originally told. They are now saying it will be six more months max, and there is a good chance of it being less. Look forward to getting you Friday night 7:13ers back

Everson Group-Every Friday & Monday come see us! Birthdays 3rd Fri. at 7:30. We have a 12x12 study the 2nd Monday of the month. The last Monday is a Big Book study.

Fairhaven Group- Fairhaven Group

Fairhaven continues to read from *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers* and *Pass It On* for our Sunday night literature study. Please join us! All meetings are closed except the Birthday meeting.

Week 1: Th: Step 2 / Su: Dr. Bob

Week 2: Th: Trad. 8 / Su: Pass It On

Week 3: Th: Step 3 (Birthday Mtg. - OPEN) / Su: Dr. Bob

Week 4: Th: Step 4 / Su: Pass It On

Week 5: Th: Step 5

Birthdays for March: 1 year Paige W.

Ferndale Unity Group-Birthdays are celebrated the last Saturday of the month at 8 PM

Birthdays for March: 11 years John T., 10 years Bridget C., Lisa A., Darryl K., 8yrs Karl B., 4years Carrie C., 1year. Melvin F.

Grateful Hearts-Birthday mtg. last Monday at 5:30pm. We welcome women new and old in Whatcom County at 5:30 on Mondays. It is a 1 hour meeting and a good way to fellowship. Church is closed on holidays.

Into Action-Birthday meetings will be the 4th Tues. at 7:30pm. Great speaker meetings every Saturday at 7:30pm!

Birthdays for March: 34 years Joelle.

Lawrence-Every Tuesday 7:30-8:30 pm.

Lummi Island Group- Sundays we have back to back 12 step study (1pm) at the ROC. 2652 Warchief Circle Call Barb 383-7636 or Lucy 758-4004 for more detailed directions.

Lummi Nation Care Meeting-Our meetings have been growing. Thank you for your support.

Lynden Group-Birthday Meeting is last Thursday at 7pm.

Birthdays for March: 29 years Jim S., 6 years Denny D.

Maple Falls Group-Big Book study Wednesday at 7pm. Topic meeting Saturday at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

Nooksack Group

Nice POT LUCK each First Thursday of the month before meeting at 6:30 followed by games then the meeting...Besides this we all our grateful to have a place to meet and as always feel free to drop in Sunday Evening is a good 12 by 12 at 7:00

Northwest Group-Birthday meeting is 3rd Saturday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.(March 19th) Business meeting is 2nd

Committee Reports * Committee Meetings

District Committee Member (DCM)-Ken B.

Greetings fellow AA's and Trusted servants of District 11. My name is Ken and I am your new DCM. I am a member of the Bellingham Group and was involved in service for many years, both at the group level and District level. I took some time off from service to balance the AA and personal life scales. When I heard that the District was looking for a DCM back in October of 2010. I decided it was time to make myself available again. As it would have it the election went to the hat and I was chosen. When I made my self available for the position of DCM I knew I needed to arrange my time to be of service to the AA's in District 11. I was also aware that the business of AA is not going to change its time table for me. It has been said that a meeting starts on time and ends on time. This may be a true statement. Although I was taught that when to comes to the business meeting, be it group or district, it is over when there is an informed group conscience. For that I am responsible. Remember we have an **Area 72 quarterly** coming up on April 1-2, 2011 at the Cotton Tree Inn & Convention Center in Mt Vernon. Plus North Districts 2011 **Pre-Conference March 27, 2011 in Lake Stevens.**
Yours in service, Ken B

Alt District Committee Member - Eric S.

Hi everyone, the first Gratitude Banquet planning meeting of 2011 will be Tuesday, March 8th. Looking forward to serving District 11 as your Alt. DCM. Thanks in advance for all your help!

Archives-Christine K-Archivist/ Andrea C

Andrea C. and I attended the Area 72 Archives Quarterly at Greater Seattle Intergroup (GSI) Saturday, February 5th. Our new Area 72 Archivist Steve Cuspard runs an excellent meeting, we covered a lot of ground. Past Area 72 Archivist Trisha Custard gave an impassioned speech on the need to do Oral Histories and this is something we need to do more of. Our meeting was held in a room filled with Archival items and Past Area 72 Archivist Teresa Summers, now GSI Archivist, gave a brief introduction to the collection. Display cases surrounded us filled with a treasure trove of AA history. As we did our District Reports I mentioned that District 11 had just celebrated 64 years of sobriety. Area and District Archivists are looking forward to an event February 25-27, the 1st Annual "The Blending of Time" with AA Speaker panels all weekend, including a Special Archive & History Presentation by Gail L. of Akron, Ohio. The location for this is the La Quinta Inn, Tacoma. www.theblendingoftime.org Also, Archivists are making plans to attend the 15th Annual National AA Archives Workshop, Mining Our Past, Minding Our Future in Helena, MT September 22-25, 2011.

On Behalf of District 11 We Are Grateful For the Following Donations:

- The Maple Falls Group donated a big fat packet of their historical records.
- Mary Jo donated a bag from the 75 Years San Antonio International and a water bottle with the 75 Years logo, a *Grapevine* special edition for 75 Years of AA History, and a Grapevine pin for the July 2010 event.
- Mary M. donated a District 11 Directory of meetings for Summer 1990. We needed it!
- Greater Seattle Intergroup gave us three District 11 Newsletters. January 1979 is just one page, Claudette M. was DCM. In an August, 1979 Newsletter Mary M. is DCM and the newsletter includes the calendar of events. In April 1980 there was a report on the Lummi Island Group that they are having good meetings, especially when people "cross the moat and come from the mainland to visit." That is the case today!

Accessibility-The accessibility committee is going to be passing out volunteer forms at homegroups this month. These volunteer forms will help us keep a database of people who are interested in being of service for our committee. If you are interested, please fill one out and return it to your group's accessibility representative, GSR or to me (Meryl M). The meeting for Gina is going well. It is at 5:30 on Wednesdays at Lincoln Square Apartments. For more information please contact me at 360-223-6545 or at accessibility@whatcomaa.org. I also want to encourage all accessibility group representatives to attend our monthly meeting, which is the first Thursday of the month at 5:30. Meryl

Corrections & Treatment- On March 19, at 2pm at OPP, C&T will be having a workshop. See our website for detailed information. Thank you, Josh

Grapevine & Literature- Happy March!

All is well in The Land of Literature. Zeb and I took inventory of the literature (and of each other). Everything is looking good and we're getting a handle of what we have available . . . and do not. After the next GV&L meeting, we will be placing our first order. Just a reminder: The Grapevine and Literature meeting is held every 2nd Saturday of the at the FUG, starting at 10AM. See you all there . . . we'll read a pamphlet!
Yours in L&S
Andy

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Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) -

Schedules-Kimberly B.

A new meeting has started for women on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm at St John's Lutheran Church on Cornwall, childcare and snacks are provided. Check it out! Thank you

Third Legacy- Randel P.

Greetings District 11. The 3rd Legacy Committee was established to help home group members get a better understanding of all the different activities that support our primary purpose of carrying the message. Our first workshop was a GSR orientation on March 22 at OPP. Cassie and I will be supporting the Corrections & Treatment workshop in March. The Committee will hold future workshops on service topics and we are also available to help Home Groups conduct Group inventories, write motions (for the District or Area), and generally respond to questions on service related issues. We are here to serve, so please feel free to ask for our assistance and let us know what types of info you would like to see covered by workshops.
Ago ministro! Randel P.

UPCOMING EVENTS

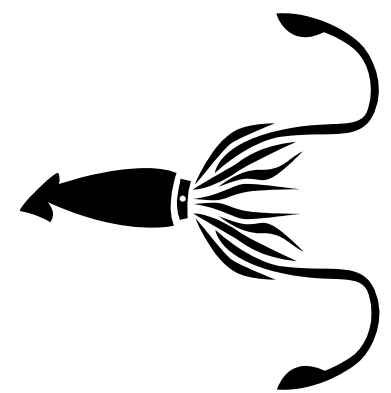
For Details about the Following Events go to whatcomaa.org

March 11-13, Spokane WA, NW Pockets of Enthusiasm Conference

March 19, 2pm OPP, C&T Workshop

March 27, 2-6pm, North District 2011 Preconference, Lake Stevens

April 1-2, WWA 72 Area Quarterly, Mt Vernon



Thursday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.

Birthdays for March: 34 years Barb F., 30 years! Adam T., 26 years Russ C. 24 years Kate M., 23 years! Victor S., Steve G., 20 years Stephanie L., 16 years Sharon G., 13 years Shelia G., 12 years Philip H., 11 years Tina W., Steve B., 10 years Iris C., Bridget C., 9 years Scott M., 7 years Laurie M., Laura G., 6 years Tim W., 5 years Anne W., Dennie B., Chris J., Nathan H., 4 years Jason M., Will M., Kevin H., George S., 3 years Candie D., Michael P., Kimberly M., Leroy C., Tyler M., Beal B., Dennis C., Charley R., James G., Kim D., Melissa L., Pete D., 2 years Tamara P., Melissa S., Thelma J., David M., Alicia R., Carol M., Leanne W., Diane P., Neil W., Craig W., George S., Stan J., Jon L., 1 year Tyler M., Tina P., Katie M., Steve Y., Steven T., Danielle W., Cheryl S., Raymond H.

Our Primary Purpose-OPP Business Meeting is held on the first Wed of the month at 7:00pm. OPP celebrates birthdays on the actual date of sobriety. Speakers Meeting is on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

Birthdays for March: 35years Carole W., 26years Chip R., 25 years Garry H., 24 years Barb P., 13 years Patty P., 12 years Matt S., 11 years Kristina S., Christina K., 5 years Cristi G., 4 years Dean A., Jill, Jeannie W., Fred R., Heather B., Angela M., 3 years Daniel A, Scott J., Garth K., Cab S., Tommy O., 2 years Kelly P., Terri M., Larry G., Bob B., Christian R., Susan A., Sharon M., Gordy R., Steve A., mike C., George P., 1 year Kevin A, Nichole W., Austin W., Theresa W.

SOS (Men's Group)-Birthdays are celebrated weekly

Southside Group- March Business Meeting will be March 12, 2011 at 8:15am

Announce your birthday on your day or any time during your birthday month at the 7am meeting. We recognize and announce all birthdays for the current month for any member (and visitors) present at the beginning of each meeting.

Just a reminder to follow all parking rules/law when coming to the Southside Hall. Several members have found pretty pink resentments attached to their windshields after leaving the 7am meetings. Infractions such as parking over curb, backing into parking areas, etc... have been given. Please follow all posted parking instructions for neighboring businesses as well. There is a large public gravel lot Southwest of the hall that is public and less restrictive, entrance way just past the spa/salon to the right.

Southside would like to give kudos to the Dry Dock members as our mutual use of the AA hall continues. The sharing, caring and fellowship of all the members of both groups and our visitors have been amazing during this period of transition. In fact, I know the Archives would love to have a written history with dates and info about this moment in Area 11 AA history so any interested writers hanging around looking for some service work pick up a pen and paper and let it flow. (Dry Dock will have their own version I am sure). Please remember.....Don't trust the Decaf....and don't sweat the small stuff.

Birthdays for March: 1 year Raymond S., Jason S., Ralph M., 2 years Derek., 3 years Joe H., 4 years John H., 5 years Renee D., 6 years Annette D., 11 years Bear E., 16 years Cheryl K., Mike D., 24 years Karl M.

Hotline- We can always use more volunteers. If you are interested, please call Jeff W. at 332-2233.

Phone Service Committee- Jeff W.

Things are going well for the hotline, 12th step calls and the answering service. We had a really good 12th step call workshop in January. Thanks for all who came! There will be a hotline workshop on Saturday, April 16th, 2 PM at OPP. A new sign-up sheet should be at your home group. Our committee meetings on the 1st Monday of the month at OPP (7PM), are interesting. We talk of ways to make our service better. We would like to encourage groups who aren't attending yet to please come and check us out. Fresh ideas are always welcome. If you would like to volunteer for the hotline or 12th step call list, please come to a committee meeting or call me at 332-2233. Yours in service, Jeff

Group Business Meetings

Bellingham Group-First Tues. of the month at 6:30 pm

Blaine International-First Fri. of the month at 6:30 pm

Dry Dock-Second Mon. of the month 6:05 pm

Custer Group-First Sun. of the month at 5:30 pm

Everson Group-Second Fri. of the month at 7:30 pm

Fairhaven Group-First Sunday of the month at 6:15 pm

Ferndale Group-First Sat. of the month at 6:30 pm

Grateful Hearts-First Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

Into Action-First Tues. of the month at 6:30 pm

Lynden Group-First Thurs. of the month at 8:30 pm

Maple Falls Group-First Wed. of the month at 8pm

Nooksack Group-Second Mon. of the month at 8 pm

Northwest Group-Second Thurs. of the month at 6:30 pm

Our Primary Purpose-First Wed. of the month at 7 pm

S.O.S.-First Wed. of the month at 8:45 pm

Southside Group-Second Sat. of the month at 8:15 am

Sumas-Third Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Third Legacy-First Monday of the month at 5:30 pm

Women In the Solution- First Tuesday of the Month at 5:30pm

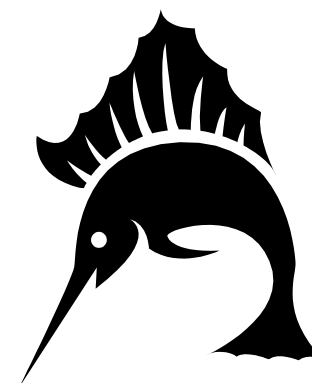
York Meeting-First Friday of the month at 5:30 pm

Sumas- Birthday mtgs. are the last Tues. at 7 pm. Sumas is alive & sober! Come and join us for some GREAT sobriety.

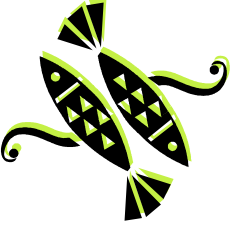

Birthdays for March: 20years: Tom P.

Third Legacy-

Women in the Solution- Birthdays are celebrated each week. Childcare is available.



March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Visions-	3 Detox- Accessibility Mtg- 5:30 NW Group	4	5 Detox- **
6	7 Phone Service Committee Mtg 7pm OPP See Flyer on AA Website	8 Gratitude Banquet Committee Meeting 7pm OPP Come One, Come All!	9 Visions-	10 Detox-	11	12 Detox Grapevine & Lit. 10 am Ferndale Unity
13	14	15 Detox- St. Joe's- contact Rob H. 360-305-2909	16 Visions- District 11 GSR Mtg. 6:30 at OPP	17 Detox- PI/CPC Mtg- 5:30 at NW Group	18	19 Detox- C&T Workshop 2pm OPP
20	21	22 Detox- St. Joe's- contact Rob H. 360-305-2909	23 Visions	24 Detox- C&T Meeting- 5:30 at NW Group	25	26 Detox-
27	28	29 Detox- St. Joe's- contact Rob H. 360-305-2909	30	31	For District 11 information go to: www.whatcomaa.org	For information about quarterly committee meetings and area events go to www.area72aa.org

